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Hope scandal upsets relatives in her native Abra

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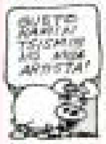
Peso weakens to $1: 48.715; investors fear US recession, inflated China stocks

SATURDAY SPECIAL / E1

Jennifer Hudson: From 'Idol' zero to Oscar-winning hero



We'll always have Paris, experiment teaches AP



NEW YORK—SO YOU MAY have heard: Paris Hilton was ticketed the other day for driving with a suspended license.

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Children learn ABCs of honest, simple living

By Jocelyn R. Uy

WHAT BETTER WAY TO FIGHT GRAFT AND corruption than teaching schoolchildren the ABCs of simple and honest living?

Soldiers prowling slums

'Militarization' of Metro urban poor areas alarm residents

By TJ Burgonio

IN THE CROWDED BARANGAY Commonwealth in Quezon City, Army soldiers prowling the streets at different times of day and night are becoming a common sight, striking fear in the hearts of residents, particularly the young.

Although ostensibly in the area to keep the peace, the soldiers, strangely, have been seeking out members of militant party-list groups, several residents told the Inquirer.

At one point, they even called the people against voting for certain party-list groups in the coming May elections, residents said.

Told of the incidents, the Commission on Elections called on the Armed Forces to investigate the reports. (See related story on Page A20.)

The military admitted it had deployed soldiers in 27 mostly depressed barangays in Metro Manila as part of a "holistic approach" to the insurgency problem. It said this had nothing to do with the current election campaign.

"The day they came here, we were startled. We were wondering why the soldiers were here, and afraid at that," a woman resident at Barangay Commonwealth said in an interview.

Within days after they turned up in mid-December, the soldiers, Armalite rifles slung on their shoulders, started asking around for the names of officials of Kasarinlan Extension Neighborhood Association (Kena), a group of urban poor.

"They badgered us for the list of the officials, saying they only wanted to help us solve a land dispute here," said the resident, who asked not to be named for security reasons. "They kept coming back to me for the list, but we never gave it to them."

SOLDIERS A20

GO keeping option open for No. 12

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

DESPITE A WARNING FROM ITS COALITION partner, the Liberal Party faction headed by Sen. Franklin Drilon, the leadership of the Genuine Opposition has refused to rule out adopting another senatorial candidate to replace Sen. Francis Pangilinan.

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GO KEEPING A4

Why opposition unraveled: Now it can be told

By Fe Zamora

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WHY A4

GO cancels another rally

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
In Visayas
and Juliet Labog-Javellana
in Manila

ILOILO CITY—FOR STILL UNCLEAR REASONS, the Genuine Opposition canceled its second major out-of-town campaign sortie scheduled yesterday in Antique.

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GO CANCELS A11





AS PARIS WOULD SAY, HE'S (RED) HOT
Jose Ma. Sison, the founding chair of the Communist Party of the Philippines, tripped the light fantastic with movie star Ara Mina who was on a concert tour in Europe (top) at a Christmas party in Amsterdam. At the Migrante's Valentine's party (lower photo), Sison danced with an unidentified woman. (Story on Page A11.)

2-digit growth needed to beat poverty in RP

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE ECONOMY WILL NEED TO DOUBLE ITS current growth rate, or increase GDP growth by at least 9 percent, if it is to eliminate poverty, Malacañang said yesterday.

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2-DIGIT A23

Coco levy compromise in the works—PCGG

By Dennis L. Lucas

THE GOVERNMENT HAS REACHED an understanding with several stakeholder groups of the coconut levy funds on how to manage its stake in San Miguel Corp. (SMC), Southeast Asia's biggest food and beverage firm.

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COCO A21

Second FrontPage

Japanese PM's denial of sex slaves slammed

WOMEN'S RIGHTS ACTIVISTS IN THE PHILIPPINES yesterday denounced a comment by Japan's prime minister that there was no evidence Japanese soldiers forced women into sexual slavery during World War II.

'We raped without reluctance'

Nigerian firms seek lifting of ban on OFWs

By Cynthia D. Balana


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Anvaya Cove

ELECTION 07



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NEWLYWEDS



HANDS ON



QUICK STUDY



AN OPPOSITION SWEEP



SWAMPED.



VALENTINE'S DAY

Pangilinan confident that 'Noted' episode won't affect his poll chances

By Christian V. Esguerra



PANGILINAN

No need for apology

'Principle'

Elbow room

Report ad violators, Comelec tells public

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

ELECTION 07



THE ONLY MUSLIM in the Team Unity lineup, Sultan of Sulu Jamalul Kiram III, wows the Pangasinense voters in Binmaley by announcing that his wife is their provincemate.



THE CORY CRUSADERS. Vintage "snap election" of 1986 are back on the political landscape, this time to push one for Cory's only son, Noynoy Aquino. They hold a powwow on Friday with their inspiration and their candidate in Dasmariñas Village, Makati City.



LIKE A BRAVEHEART HERO on the political trail, the neophyte Sonia Roco is talking to students of the Capiz State University in Roxas City on Thursday. She's learning the ropes and picking up the right moves to win a Senate seat.



SUNSHINE parts the crowd to make way for her husband Cesar Montano as he works the crowd outside the Binmaley municipal hall in Pangasinan.



BLESS YOU. Vendors offering babies for Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan doing the rounds in Ongpin Street, Binondo.



A RENDEZVOUS. Mike Defensor stays overnight at the Bello Grand Hotel on his way to Negros for a Team Unity sortie on March 2. While there, he meets with Rep. Pedro Tuason, which sparks speculation about the opposition congressman's political alignment.

Angara bares use of dirty money in poll campaigns

GAMBLING AND DRUG LORDS have become principal financiers of election campaigns in the country and operate from affecting policy-making, according to administration Sen. Edgardo Angara.

Angara said the infusion of dirty of money in the campaign kitty could have been avoided had Congress approved his proposed electoral reform bills.

These were the Political Reform Act and the Campaign Finance Reform Act which seek to provide state subsidy to political parties.

"That's part of my plan to bring it out into the open because right now, the principal financiers are gambling lords and some drug lords. Now it's dirty money powering politics in our country and ultimately the one determining policy-making," he added.

Angara admitted that the use of dirty money in campaigns was "normal" and has been going on since time immemorial. *Cynthia D. Balana*

Court reverses Misamis ex-mayor's murder conviction

Why opposition unraveled: Now it can be told

All roads led to Erap

Strongest in January

Wrestling with demons

Still hurting

Money matters

GO keeping option open for No. 12

Potential complication

Personal friends

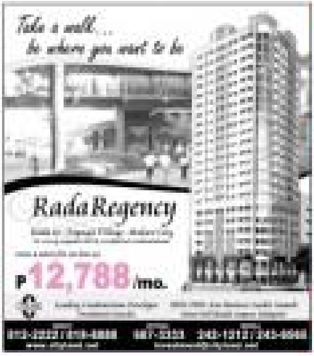
Not so fast

Get real

Children learn ABCs ...

'Women's first'

Billions lost


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SUKI SABADO
MARCH 3 TO 9, 2007

Aussie warning: Don't count JI out yet

Gov't, Moro rebs ready to resolve talks impasse

Informal understanding

Assessment of political situation

Outsourcing breeding new class of smokers, boozers

135th Founding Anniversary



Puerto Princesa, Hagedorn lead fight vs global warming



Balayong Festival highlights environmental, beautification drive

ON ITS 135th foundation day, Puerto Princesa City takes on the biggest threat on Mother Earth – global warming – with renewed vigor in its environmental protection and enhancement programs.

Highlighting this year's anniversary celebration is the Balayong Festival symbolizing the city's world-renowned environmental protection and beautification campaign.

"Balayong" is the Cuyunon colloquial for the Palawan cherry tree, which is crowned with quaint, light pink blossoms. Endemic to the island, the Palawan cherry livens up the local scenery in the months of February and March.

In 2005, Mrs. Ellen M. Hagedorn, wife of Mayor Edward Hagedorn, together with the womenfolk of Puerto Princesa, came together to replant this extraordinary cherry blossom tree into the consciousness of the populace. They led the planting of a thousand Balayong seedlings at the panoramic Santa Monica Heights Nature Park beside City Hall.

As serendipity would have it, the founding anniversary of the city falls on the fourth of March, in time with the Balayong's blooming. Inspired by the providential circumstances and events, the City Council unanimously enacted Ordinance No. 298, declaring the March 4, Puerto Princesa's foundation day, as Balayong Festival day.



A GIANT CLAM is prepared for relocation by Mayor Hagedorn and two divers.



PALAWAN CHERRY BLOOM

The latest in the long line of innovative projects to protect the environment against such threats as global warming is the tricycle reduction and fuel conversion program.

The city's 4,000 tricycles will be reduced in half to 2,000 units, which will be converted from gasoline mix to liquefied petroleum gas (LPG).

The city has also expanded its mangrove replanting program, highlighted this year by a Valentine's Day mass wedding in the city's endangered mangrove areas.

Another environmental project is the relocation of endangered giant clam species locally known as taclobo (tridacna gigas) to a special Tridacna Garden in the Santa Lucia Bay.

On the coastline of Puerto Princesa Bay, once blighted by a colony of informal settlers, is the postcard-pretty modern baywalk. The informal settlers have been relocated to a resettlement site and provided with modern housing and community services.



TAKING SHAPE along the Puerto Princesa Bay coastline is the Baywalk and the promenade (below).





LOOKING LIKE a modern resort is the townhouse complex for fisherfolk relocated from what used to be an informal settlers' community which is now the Baywalk site.

A history of 'firsts' in cleaning and greening

It was on the fourth of March in 1872 when Spanish colonizers set foot on a cliff overlooking the harbor [illegible]. The first Mass was held there [illegible] the Immaculate Conception Cathedral now stands.

In 1894, the Spanish government declared Puerto Princesa as the most orderly and cleanest town in the country. In 1994, a hundred years later, Puerto Princesa received the first national Clean and Green Award as the country's cleanest and greenest city.

The town was converted into a city on January 1, 1970 by virtue of Republic Act No. [illegible]. On February [illegible], R.A. [illegible] declared March 4 as a special non-working holiday.

Puerto Princesa City has since become:

- The first Philippine local government unit to receive the Global 500 Roll of Honor Award from the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) during the 1997 World Environment Day. And Mayor Edward S. Hagedorn became the first Filipino [illegible].
- The first city to receive [illegible] Environmental Achievement Award.
- The first to receive the Award of Excellence as the Cleanest and Greenest Component City in the Philippines [illegible] for winning for three consecutive years.
- The first LGU to receive the Development Management Award [illegible] by the Asian Institute of Management in cooperation with the Far Eastern Economic Review and the Management Association of the Philippines.
- The first LGU to be given management and control of a national park (Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park) by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. [illegible] the underground river park was declared by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.
- The first LGU to construct and operate an integrated [illegible] facility.
- The first LGU outside Metro Manila to set up a [illegible] center [illegible] public.



SIGHTSEEING SECRETARY

Sonia twits truant mates

Aussies want RP bananas quarantined first

Kin press probe of PMAer's slay

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Saturday, March 3, 2007
1st Week of Lent
Katharine Drexel

1st Reading: Dt 26:16-19
Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48



NDF leaders Luis Jalandoni (left) and Jose Maria Sison with Filipino entertainers Ara Mina and James Gibbs.

Joma enjoying good life in exile, claims military

By Christine O. Avendaño

DAR chief: I gave my word to farmers

Pichay posters sprout all over; it's sabotage, says solon's camp

By Nikko Dizon and Jerome Aning

OPINION

The duel

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And the sideshow



Excessive TV commercials

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

So much for agrarian reform

GET REAL

Solita Collas Monsod

Seniors now allowed to buy drugs with card

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan



In hell there is no music

COMMENTARY

Dennis Murphy

Trust negotiations, not Iran

WORLD VIEW

Michel Rocard



Project Syndicate

Job-hopper

YOUNG BLOOD

Raymond Calbey

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Lauro Baja Jr.

A toast to a true winner

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Palace's plot vs party lists

Vandal candidates defacing nature

Montano had no say in 'Lakas Sambayanan' telecast

A vision awaiting fulfillment

NFA's highly dubious assurance on sale of GMO rice

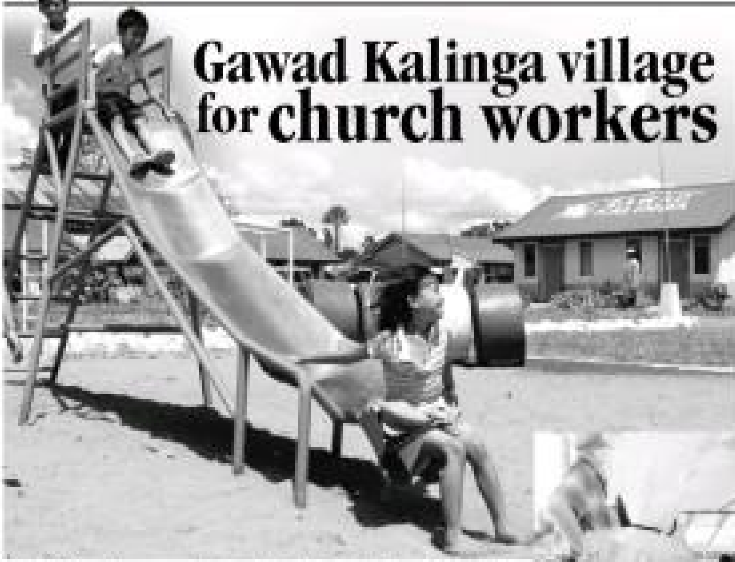
Climate change crisis

COMMENTARY

Alvin A. Mejia

INQUIRER Visayas

Gawad Kalinga village for church workers



CHILDREN of the new homeowners enjoy the playground of Gawad Kalinga village at Barangay Buntatala, Jaro. The houses were built with the voluntary work of students, nongovernment organizations and beneficiaries for a year before they were turned over last Thursday in Iloilo City.



OSCAR Lopez Sr. during the turnover ceremony of 50 houses at Barangay Buntatala, Jaro, Iloilo City. More than 100 houses with a playground and a Montessori school for kids were given church workers. Fifty houses were sponsored by the Lopez Foundation.



By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Iloilo City

A NEW KIND OF "PEOPLE POWER" is sweeping across the land.

'If People Power liberated the country from the dictatorship, the People Power which is Gawad Kalinga is liberating the people from the dictatorship of poverty, homelessness and economic control'

Heaven

Filipino MIT students pioneer in coral conservation

By Carla P. Gomez
Bacolod City

AT THE MARINE RESERVE IN SAGAY CITY, 82.9 kilometers north of Bacolod City, low-voltage current is being used to hasten coral growth five times and increase their survival by more than 20 times.



MASSACHUSETTS Institute of Technology graduate students (from left) Reyes delos Santos, Gerardo Jose la O' and Marius Lozillo.

Across the NATION

Army says civilians with guns are considered terror suspects

PATIKUL, SULU—CIVILians in the province carrying firearms would be considered terrorists, the military said yesterday.



N. Mindanao clashes leave 14 rebs, gov't soldiers dead

Digos Left leader is casualty No. 274



PAINT JOB

Scandal unsettles Abra kin of clinic attendant

'Very upset'

Why she came out

Poll strategy

Pangasinan pols slam Baby A on bloodshed alert





NO PICNIC



SORIANO

Lapids face graft case for 'ghost' projects



Mining firm questions court order on nickel

Danding wife drops out of race for House seat

DPWH to candidates: Spare bridges





LAND AWARDS. Vice President Noli De Castro leads the distribution of certificates of lot award to beneficiaries in Nagcarlan, Laguna assisted by senatorial candidate Mike Defensor, Laguna Gov. Teresita S. Lazaro and Nagcarlan Mayor Rosendo Corales (partly hidden).

Noli awards land titles to the homeless

[illegible]

Soldiers prowling slums

[illegible]

Under martial law?

[illegible]

Where Ka Bel lives

[illegible]

Holy Week threat

[illegible]

Malacañang's hand

[illegible]

Know the enemy

[illegible]

Sabalza memo

[illegible]

Comelec orders probe of campaigning soldiers

By Nikko Dizon and Christian V. Esguerra

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Nothing to do with polls

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AFP mandate

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We'll always have Paris, experiment teaches AP

Paris blackout

Ban over

Celebutants

Lessons from Paris

PCGG: Coco levy compromise . . .

Farmers' representatives

2 blocks of SMC shares

IN THE KNOW

Public funds

GMA sets 9% GDP target in three years to lick poverty

Jobs cut poverty

Plan 7, 8, 9

Business confidence

GO cancels Antique rally, second time in a week

Serious incident

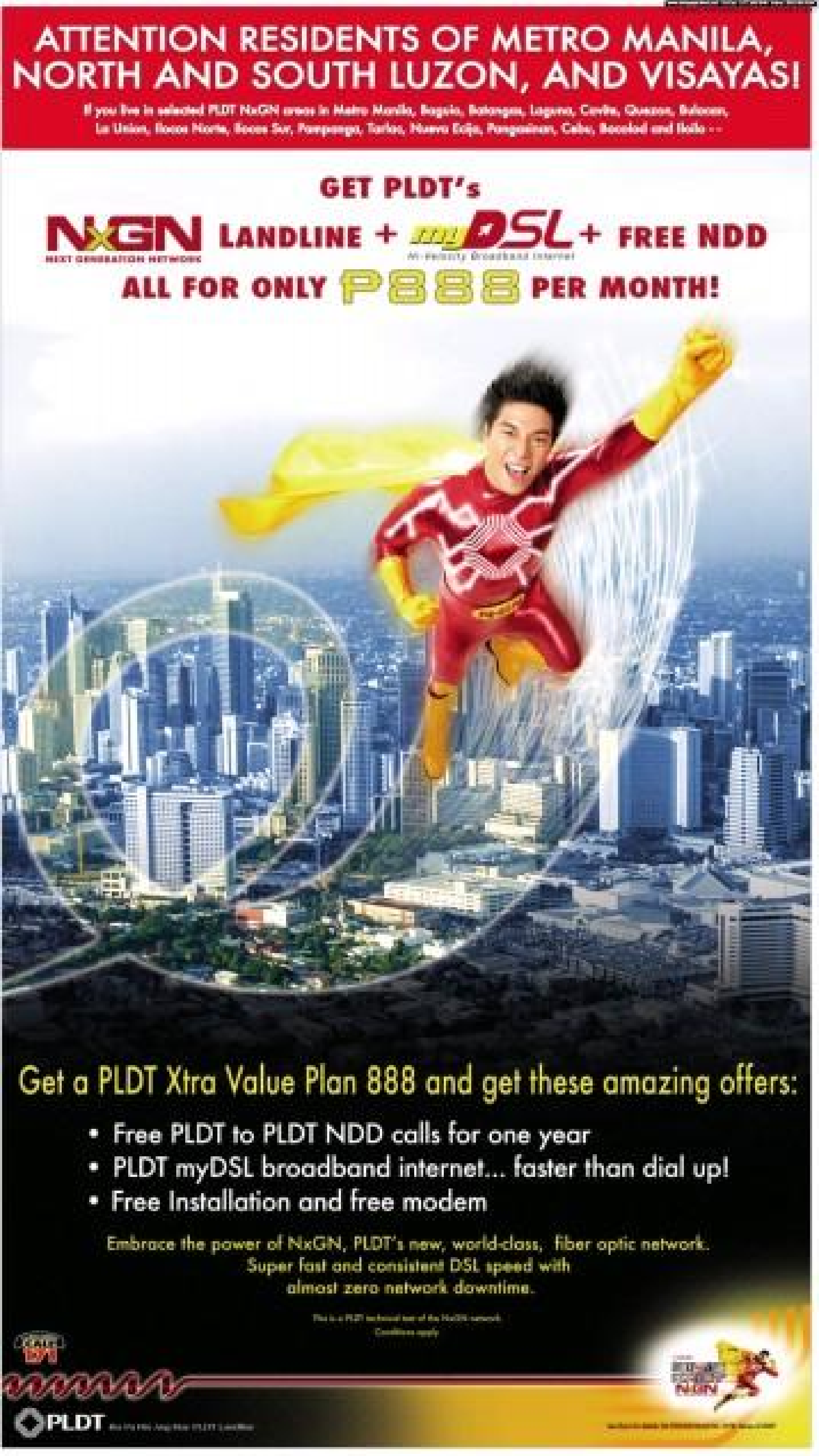
Threat or gimmick?

From bad to worse?

Ominous sign

Belittles survey results

'Hello Garci' again



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LEVISTE

DOJ seeks dismissal of Leviste's petition

Prosecutor says motion a delaying tactic

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED the Court of Appeals to dismiss the petition of former Batangas Gov. Jose Antonio Leviste questioning the upgrading of the homicide charge against him to murder.

Denied

Victim

Impartiality

Defense

Seniors office employees want Calixto 'out'

MetroBriefs

A question of timing

Bridges under repair



GETTING MILEAGE

Bayan Muna party-list Rep. Satur Ocampo taps the support of thousands of commuters taking the LRT in a campaign sortie last week.

San Juan, Navotas: Waiting in the wings for cityhood

An unusual bigamy case

On Target

Ramon Tulfo



Partnership offers cheap pill to treat malaria

Pakistan seizes top Taliban



Tornado wrecks US school, killing 17

WorldBriefs

13 charged in 'pervasive' Wall Street insider trading

2 paintings by Picasso stolen in Paris

Afghan opium output soars–US



S. Korea unveils tank that can go under water

The WORLD



THE BODY AS CANVAS

[illegible]

Progress on new Iran sanctions

WASHINGTON—MAJOR POWERS ON THURSDAY MADE progress toward agreeing on new sanctions on Iran for its nuclear program and hope to have their UN ambassadors begin drafting a formal Security Council resolution next week, a senior US official said.

[illegible]



WARM LONDON

[illegible]

Non-citizens in US want right to vote

NEW YORK—NON-CITIZENS ARE ASKING for the right to vote in New York City local elections—a right that would affect about 1.3 million legal adult residents in this famously immigrant-heavy city.

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WHAT'S INSIDE

■ **Frankie** misses JW Classic cut

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Editor: Teddyvic S. Melendres

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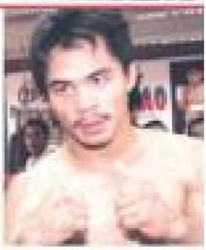
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Online poll: 9 of 10 want Pacquiao out of politics

By Roy Luarca

IT'S CRYSTAL-CLEAR: FANS want Manny Pacquiao to fight in the ring, not in the political arena.



PACQUIAO: Still undecided whether he will join the political fray or not in South Cotabato.

Palarong Pambansa athletes face stricter screening

By Marc Anthony Reyes

Frankie comes to grief, misses JW Classic cut



OUT OF SYNC

Mourning Murakami nails first win as pro

POC prepares appeal for four SEAG events

Standing tall at 5-foot-2, 116 pounds

COMMENTARY

SPORTSWATCH

Albanic battles unbeaten Mexican today

Solar Sports to air Pacquiao-Solis fight

Prayer rally up for Pacman campaign

3-cock derby at Las Piñas gets going



Nat'l judo championships slated April 29-30 at RMSC

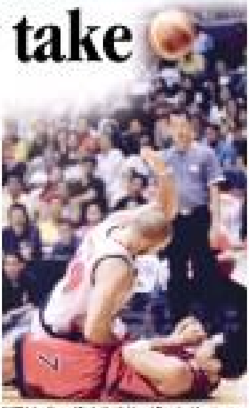


CHAMPS

PBA: We'll gladly take hit for RP cause

By Musong R. Castillo

THE PBA KNOWS THAT LENDING ITS TOP players to the National team has its rewards—and its downside, too.



President's Cup Regatta raises anchor March 5

Santos sued for failing to support child



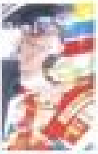
SANTOS: Abandonment

By Jose Manaro



Sy, Coseteng share top Golden Wheel awards

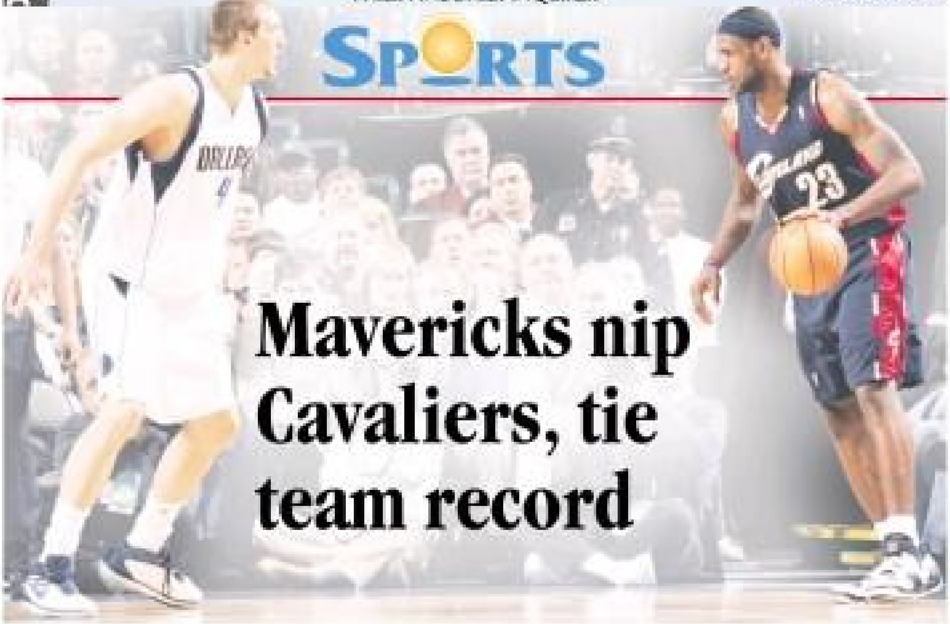




Nat'l Drag Racing series blasts off at BRC today



SPORTS



Mavericks nip Cavaliers, tie team record

Trail Blazers cap 'strange' day with rout of Bobcats; Sonics score

DALLAS—THE DALLAS MAVERICKS HELD OFF A FURIOUS comeback bid by the Cleveland Cavaliers to eke out a 95-92 victory on Thursday, tying a franchise-record with their 14th consecutive win.

Bowling helps Xavier send boys to school

The ones left behind still harbor PBA dreams





St. Scholastica teams reach 'Best' final four

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ASEAN visitors to RP only 7 percent of total (January to December 2006)



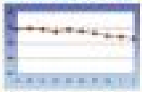
Investors fear US recession, inflated China stocks

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE PESO TUMBLED TO A LOW OF 48.75 BEFORE CLOSING AT 48.715 against the dollar yesterday as stock market sentiment weakened across the region anew due to concerns over a possible recession in the United States and overvaluation of stocks in China.

PESO B2

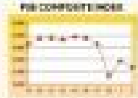
CURRENCIES



PESO-DOLLAR RATE

STOCK MARKET

PSE COMPOSITE INDEX



Shares close 1.56% lower

SHARE PRICES CLOSED 1.56 PERCENT lower

SHARES B2

Smart subscribers hit 25M mark

By Riza T. Olchondra

WIRELESS SERVICE PROVIDER SMART Communications Inc. reached an industry

SMART B2

Gov't may push new tax measures

FINANCE SECRETARY MARGARITO Teves admitted it would be "tough" for the government to sustain its fiscal turnaround without imposing new taxes, but said he would await the revenue performance report for the first semester before deciding on whether to push new tax measures in Congress.

GOV'T B2

Economic team begins roadshow

Gov't to invite investors in major infra projects

By Doris C. Dumlao

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Countryside firms come to town

By Ronnel W. Domingo

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50 barangays to soon enjoy electricity

By Abigail L. Ho

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Boulevard buys land in Cavite

By Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson

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American IT firm plans to make RP a global hub

Pro-V planning to hire 500 people within the year

By Riza T. Olchondra

Plea for safeguard duty on soap inputs junked

By Ronnel W. Domingo

There's more to this store than just selling

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao



1-SPORT LIFE Ministries helps put a smile on the faces of the less fortunate.

Logistics

CORPORATE CITIZEN

Higher purpose

Sense of awareness

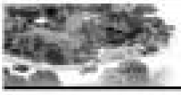


THE OWNER of the Fila brand in the Philippines is now rebuilding homes in Bicol.

Nestle Waters selling assets to Gokongweis

BIODIVERSITY PROGRAM

RP obtains $3.5M in yearly investment from US-based CI



PROPERTY



Residential fires top list



By Tessa R. Salazar

RESIDENTIAL FIRES topped the list of fire incidents among property fires in 2006, surpassing the number of fires occurring in commercial/mercantile and industrial/factory establishments.

Incidence of fire

Top causes

2006 less than 2005

Prevent fires from eating away your property

Home, lifesaving tips

Tessa R. Salazar

Windmill cylinders with spiral fins

GREEN ARCHITRENDS



Amado de Jesus

What is a wind turbine?

Environment-friendly

Magnus effect



Experience exotic Bali at Raya Garden





Urban sanctuary

Totally different experience

For pleasure, relaxation

DMCI trademark

Affordable mid-rise condo rises in Mandaluyong



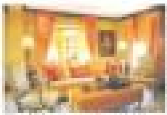




Completed

Ponticelli: Italian-inspired enclave developing at full blast



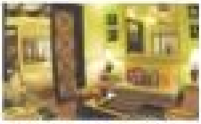




'Towns'

Recreational amenities

Manhattan Garden City introduces new unit layouts



A more affordable unit

Resort-style play area

Revised layout

SCIENCE/HEALTH



Battling the bulge to avoid deadly complications

By Charles E. Buban



Health consequences

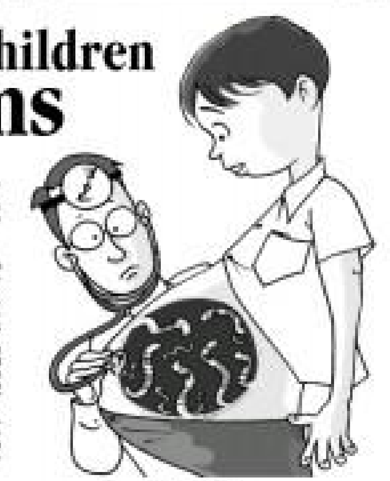
Over 250,000

Lap-Band

Root cause

Health risks of having extra kilos

54% of public schoolchildren afflicted with worms



Deworming drugs

Schistosomiasis' resurgence

Vaccines are not just for kids

EUREKA!

Queena N. Lee-Chua

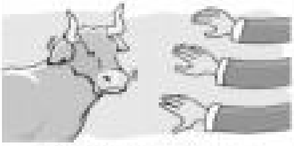


Are vaccines perfect?

Are vaccines safe?

Does MMR cause autism?

Risks of serious complications



LMO regulations in other countries

DISCOVER



Third agency

Select committee

Eat right to lick mood swings and depression

MEDICAL FILES



Dietary recommendations

More dietary tips

China Bank to give away more than P8.7 million to lucky depositors

To celebrate 87 years of successful operations and strong partnerships, China Banking Corporation (China Bank) will be giving away a total of P8.7 million, tax free, through a raffle promotion dubbed "P8.7 at 87" which will run from March 1 to September 30, 2007. Over one hundred lucky China Bank depositors will get to win P10,000, P100,000, and P1,000,000 in the bi-monthly draws from May to September, and an extremely lucky one will be Two Million Pesos richer in the October 2007 grand draw.

Everyone can join by simply opening or maintaining a Regular Savings, ChinaCheck Plus, MoneyPlus Savings, and US Dollar Savings Account at any China Bank branch with an Average Daily Balance (ADB) of P5,000 or $500. Depositors will then be entitled to a computer-generated raffle entry per P5,000 or $500 additional deposit. As a bonus, qualified depositors who accomplish China Bank's customer update form will be given one extra raffle entry. Visit www.chinabank.ph or see posters and flyers for the complete promo mechanics.

China Bank's "P8.7 at P87" promo is the bank's way of welcoming new depositors and thanking loyal clients for their trust and support throughout the years. Established on August 16,1920, China Bank has since grown and flourished to become one of the strongest and most profitable banks in the country today. Its consecutive record earnings and awards for banking excellence make China Bank one of the major players in the country's banking arena. Driven with a strong commitment to customer service, China Bank continues to develop and offer a wide array of customer-focused, innovative products and services. Now and in the decades to come, China Bank will remain true to its promise: "Your Success is Our Business".



Trust Institutions set Annual Trust Consciousness Week from March 19-23, 2007

The Trust Officers Association of the Philippines (TOAP), the industry association of banks and other financial institutions managing trust assets, in cooperation with the Trust Institute Foundation of the Philippines (TIFP) and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), will celebrate its annual Trust Consciousness Week from March 19-23, 2007. This year, the TOAP adopted as its theme, "Responding to Investors' Needs through Trust."

The annual event kicks-off with the publication of a Trust Supplement in leading dailies on March 19, followed by the traditional holding of a two-day free public seminar on March 20-21 at the Makati Sports Club. Ma. Lourdes T. de Vera, current TOAP President and Sr. Vice-President of Banco de Oro, announced that topics for this year's public seminar will include Estate Planning, Off-Shore Trusts, Investments and Personal Finance, an update on Unit Investment Trust Funds and a session on Know Your Rights as an Investor, to be delivered by high-caliber legal practitioners and speakers from this increasingly important sector of the financial services industry.

BSP, through Deputy Governor Nestor Espenilla, has issued Circular Letter No. CL-2007-006 in support of this year's national observance of Trust Consciousness Week. Other activities will include the traditional outreach project for the elderly beneficiaries of Golden Acres, an event that will cap the trust officers' week-long activities.

Additional details on the free seminar are available through the TOAP Secretariat at telephone nos. 894-0542 or 892-8853.



Photography PAOLO PINEDA
Styling JESSICA ZUÑIGA-CARIGAY
Cover stars: New MTV VJs MEGGIE, VICTOR and ANNE

Future prospects

MTV's resurgence looks promising. How long will it last this time?

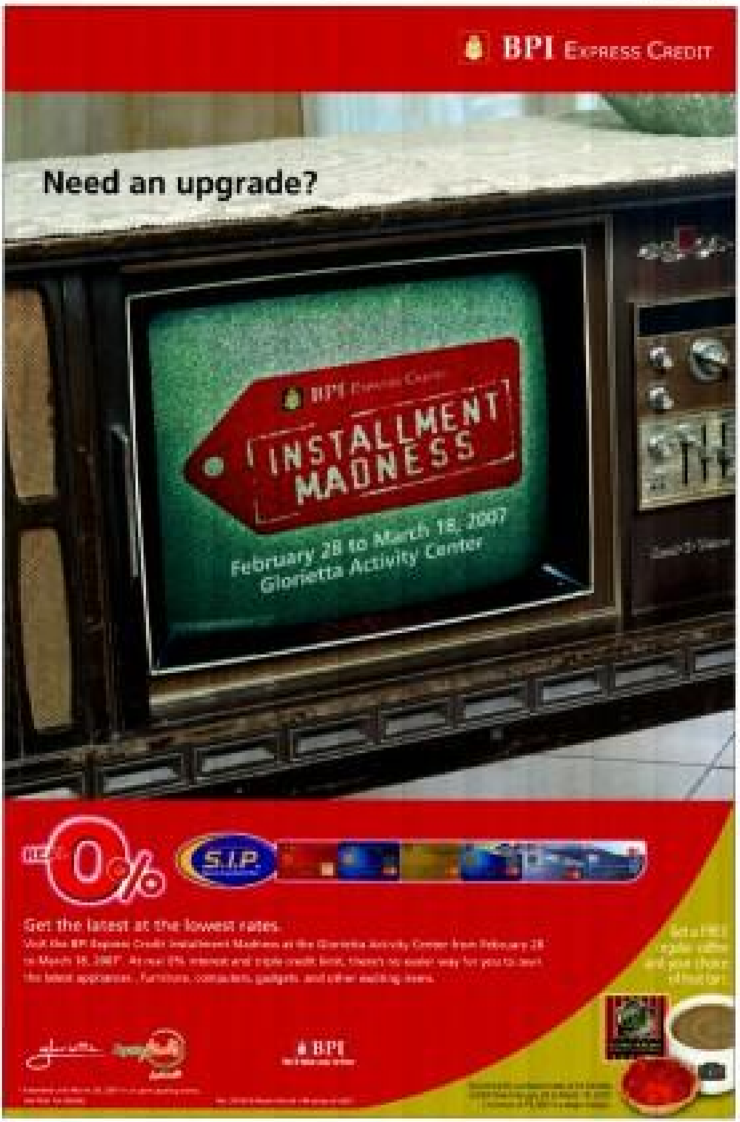
By James Gabrillo

AFTER ITS TWO-MONTH ABsence, MTV Philippines is back. KC Montero resumes hosting duties along with new VJs Anne Curtis, Victor Basa and Meggie Wilson. No doubt, this is something to feel good about—MTV, after all, is one of the few tube corps that have accurately echoed the generation's spunk (or lack of it).

Jock stones

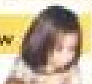


Anne Curtis





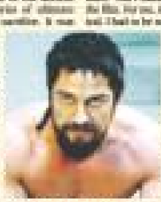
It's good to be King



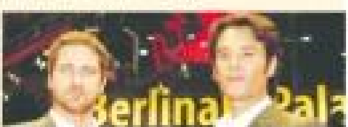
OUT THE WINDOW

Tala Diaz

Behind the rock-hard 6-pack abs is a sensitive, good-humored spirit who once saved a boy from drowning. 300's Gerard Butler steps into my window



HOT SCOT: Butler did his own stunts for the film "300"

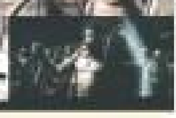


WITH FRIENDS LIKE THESE: Gerry Butler and Rodrigo Santoro (who plays Persian King Xerxes) at the Berlin Film Festival







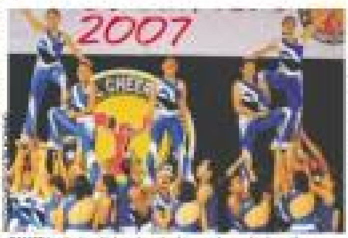


Hot director Zack Snyder paints a powerful picture

By Oliver M. Pulumbarit







DANCE harder, leap higher, cheer louder — and wear deodorant!

Kirsten Dunst did not invent cheerleading and other perky myths debunked!

Cheer factor

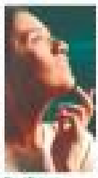
Unusual tricks

One, two, three, cheer!

Cheertastic



That's Entertainment?



Is there room to generate the pulse in an industry ruled by junk?

Cheer factor

Age against the machine



Gino de la Paz

MAY THE BEST MOVES win." That was the unspoken directive that Sunday, as thirteen rah-rah-rah squads from a bunch of universities and colleges merged at Le Pavilion along Roxas Boulevard for the open qualifiers of the 2007 National Cheerleading Championship (NCC).

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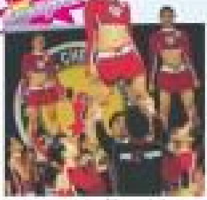
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That's the spirit!

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Perky, perky, perky

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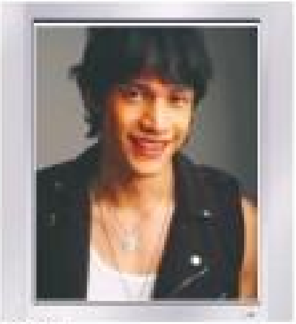
HUMAN PYRAMIDS: Defending NCC champion UP Pep Squad

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Future prospects

But can they bring cool back?

[illegible]



Victor Basa

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Maggie Wilson

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RC Montero

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Super
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CamSur Royale



TREASURE ISLAND: Super summer with Angel Locsin



BASKING IN THE SUN: Bianca King takes a break in CamSur



Tim Yap

TIME IS RUNNING OUT. THE plane is leaving in 30 minutes and I am still on another plane. Beads of sweat begin to form on my forehead.

The plane touches down. Without waiting for it to stop, I get up, ignoring the angry glare of the flight attendant. The door swings open and like lightning I burst through it. An escape van is waiting. I hop onto it and grab on for dear life as it speeds away to where the second plane is.

The van comes to a screeching halt. I jump out and make a mad dash for the other plane. I barely make it. The main door closes behind me.

I heave a huge sigh of relief. A message comes through, "Congratulations, you have left Gotcha. Now you have to accomplish your mission in Naga."

Wish you were here

"We are here in the world's best cable park," said wakeboarding afficionado Ervin Lopez as we entered the gates of the Camarines Sur Watersports Complex.

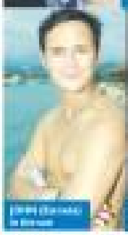
"And it's not even us Filipinos who are claiming this—it's everyone else in the world!" proudly beamed the [illegible]

"Sunshine goodness with Nivea, here!" The

CAMSUR D2



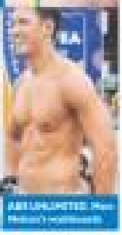
WELCOME TO WAKEBOARDING PARADISE: CamSur Gov. LRay Villafuerte with sons Jello and Migue



ERVIN (Lopez) in his element

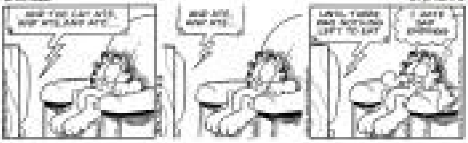


TWIST AND POUT: Michelle Madrigal in the Nivea party

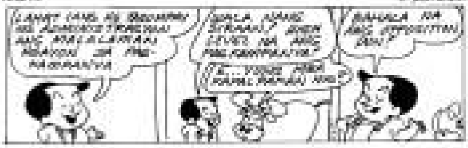


ABS UNLIMITED: Mon Mabuti's washboard

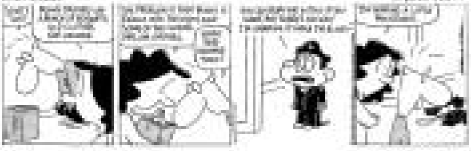
GARFIELD — BY JIM DAVIS



A. LIPIN — BY JESS ABRERA



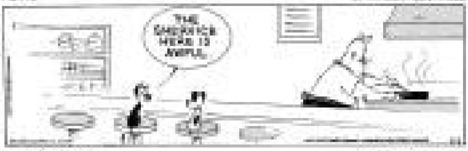
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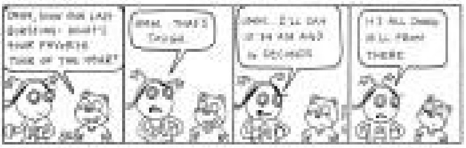
MUTTS — BY PATRICK McDONNELL



LOVECHOTS



ATOMO AND WEBBY



DIVINE COMEDY



KIKO MACHINE — BY MANIX ABRERA





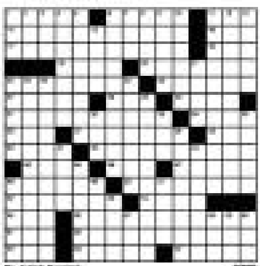
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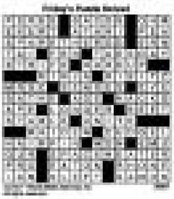
BEN — BY DANIEL SHELTON



DAILY CROSSWORD



Today's Puzzle Solved



HOROSCOPE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku — By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle



CamSur Royale



CamSur Royale









The Trippy Sound of Tortured Souls



Other Sugar! 24/7 events:





SATURDAY Special



HUDSON: Was ordered to unleash her inner diva on the set of "Dreamgirls."

Jennifer Hudson, from zero to hero

HOLLYWOOD—IN the space of two years, Jennifer Hudson has gone from reality television zero to Oscar-winning hero.

The 25-year-old scooped the best supporting actress Oscar on Sunday for her portrayal of singer Effie Melody White in the musical, "Dreamgirls," crowning a fairytale journey for the reality television reject.

An emotional Hudson thanked God, her family and her movie's cast and crew for her victory, saying, "I thank you all for helping me keep the faith, even when I didn't."

Biggest inspiration

She also had a special word for her late grandmother: "She was my biggest inspiration for everything, because she was a singer, and she had the passion for it, but she never had the chance. And that was the thing that pushed me forward to continue."

Hudson first came to prominence as a contestant on the hit TV show, "American Idol," which sees ambitious wannabes plucked from obscurity and presented with the chance to become a pop star.

But, while Hudson impressed the show's notoriously difficult-to-please judges with the range of her singing, she was eliminated in the finals. Fantasia Barrino eventually won.

Profile

Nevertheless, the show gave her a profile she was able to exploit for the purpose of securing live concert performances across the United States during the next two years.

Then, with the memory of her 15 minutes of fame beginning to fade, she auditioned for the part of Effie in "Dreamgirls." Against the odds, she beat out 782 other hopefuls—including Barrino.

Director Bill Condon was convinced of Hudson's talent, even though she lacked acting experience. But, he had to order her to unleash her inner diva on the set.

Too professional

"Bill told me, 'Look, you're too professional and too nice.' But, that's me, you know? I'm a polite, well-brought-up girl," Hudson recounted.

"Bill ordered, 'Stop apologizing, show up late, forget lines, get angry or throw something. Feel the emotion, connect with anger, and give me more courage.'

"He'd have me walk into the rehearsal and be rude to people. We had to get to this point where Effie had this presence, where nothing existed till she walked in the room. Once we got there, it became fun."



THE OSCAR-WINNING actress Fantasia Barrino for the role of Effie White.

Rendition

The Oscar-winning results of Condon's exhortations speak for themselves. Hudson ends up stealing the show with her singing and her heartwarming rendition of the Jennifer Holliday classic, "And I Am Telling You (I'm Not Going)," that reportedly had cinema audiences giving standing ovations in theaters.

Her performance had also earned her awards from the Golden Globes and the Screen Actors Guild. Hudson bested Adriana Barraza and Rinko Kikuchi of "Babel," Cate Blanchett ("Notes on a Scandal") and Abigail Breslin ("Little Miss Sunshine") to take home the coveted Oscar statuette. AFP

Tours, Leisure & Chow

Where to Stop Where to GO

A weekly directory of the country's best establishments

Bite into Oasis Country Resort's Summer Fish Feast



The Malayan Plaza's Grand Graduation Blowout

Only good times at the Exchange Bar

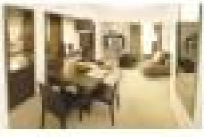


Exhilarating Asturias Palawan adventure

City Garden Suites - Manila: The preferred venue



Waterfront launches biggest, best and newest rooms



Behn tells an important story

By [illegible]

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Cultural heroes

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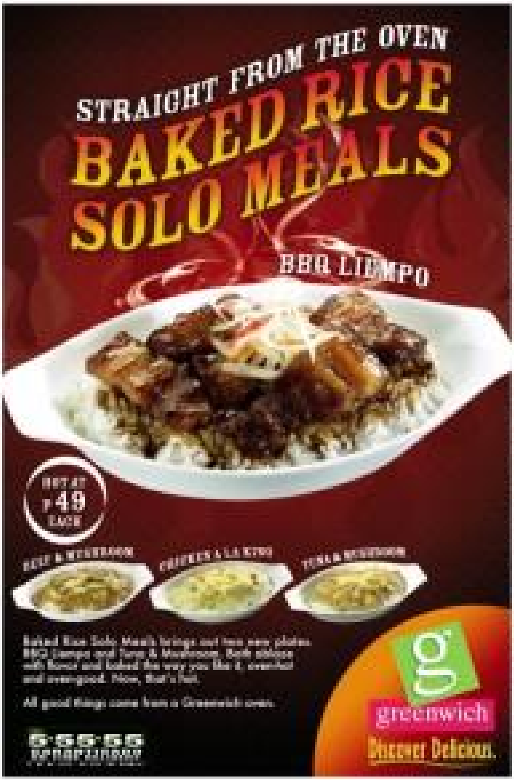
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China's arthouse films make waves



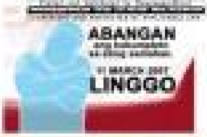
Problem

Intellectuals

Censorship

Banned





SATURDAY Special

Andy Bais finds his measure of 'Happiness'



Initial encounter

Musical showcase

Big hurdle

NOW SHOWING

Jackman, Winslet bring mirth and comic magic to the sewers

"Flushed Away"





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Andy...

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were also put to rest.

Little by little, he saw the wisdom in our belief that a performer should be able to do everything.

The next stumbling block was getting by the movie camera. Andy had played cameos in some of Bobbie Tan's films, but a lead role was inconceivable to him. —Until we did a workshop in film acting, and producer [illegible] persuaded Andy to take his biggest step to date and play the lead in the Cinemalaya entry, "Saan Nagtatago ang Happiness?"

[illegible] could have cast an established singer-comedian in the [illegible] role, but she was drawn to Andy because she too believed in him.

Potential

That made us realize that there were quite a number of people out there who, like us, saw Andy's potential and were ready to help him realize it.

The question was, would the movie audience respond as positively? When "Happiness" opened during the 2006 Cinemalaya festival at the CCP, it surprised many people with its very strong showing.

In fact, additional screenings had to be arranged, and the comedy-drama one small movie ended up as a festival crowd drawer.

But, that was with the festival audience. How well will it do with the mainstream viewer? The answer to that is forthcoming next week, when the movie starts its run in SM malls' digital theaters.

Discovery

Andy shares the screen with another discovery, child singer-actress Mira, plus [illegible] like Ricky Davao, [illegible], Lou Veloso, Caridad Sanchez, [illegible] and [illegible].

Together, they bring to life the film's theme about happiness waiting in the most unexpected places, and how we can help each other find our own brilliant rainbow after a crushing cloudburst.

We hope that the movie will help you find your own measure of happiness. Slowly but surely, in realizing how a performer brings joy to his audience, Andy has found his!

Jackman

From page F1

[illegible]

Who would have thought Jackman, Winslet and company would bring smiles and comic magic to the screen? But, they achieve just that— with a lot of help from the green and brown, slimy singing slugs, who act as the movie's [illegible]. Together, they pack a comic wallop.

So, as you can see, going down the drain isn't always a bad thing!

A chapel rises in Tukon

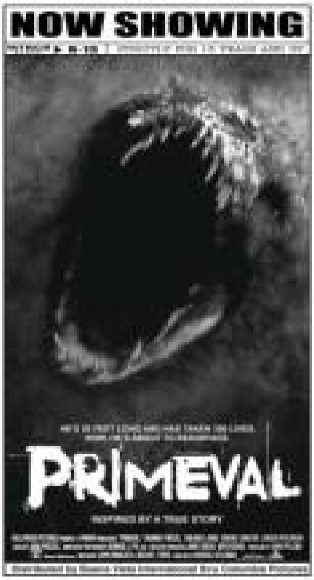
Activities

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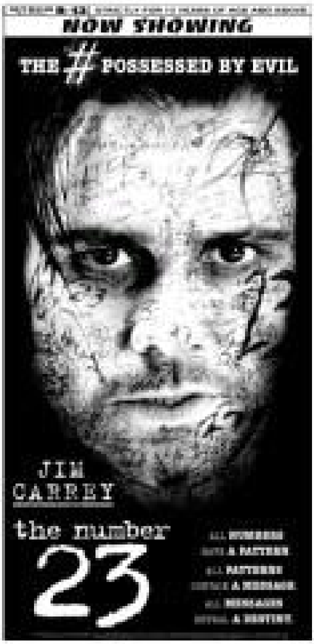
STREET SMART

Mandy Navasero









AT THE CINEMAS

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G4	1 FLUSHED AWAY	2 IT'S A BOY GIRL THING	3 PRIMEVAL	4 LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA	5 THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND	6 YOU GOT ME	7 EPIC MOVIE
GB1	1 PRIMEVAL	2 YOU GOT ME					
GB3	1 LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA	2 MUSIC & LYRICS	3 GHOST RIDER	4 FLUSHED AWAY	5 YOU GOT ME		
ATC	1 YOU GOT ME	2 PRIMEVAL	3 FLUSHED AWAY	4 MUSIC & LYRICS	5 IT'S A BOY GIRL THING		
ACC	1 YOU GOT ME	2 PRIMEVAL	3 FLUSHED AWAY	4 THE FOUNTAIN			
M2	1 YOU GOT ME	2 IT'S A BOY GIRL THING	3 GHOST RIDER	4 PRIMEVAL	5 FLUSHED AWAY		

At the Activity Center

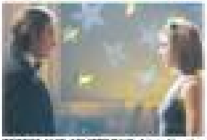
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Charming leads buoy up predictable rom-com

By Nestor Torre



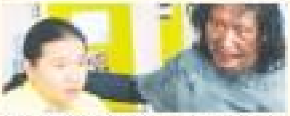
ZEGERS AND ARMSTRONG: A lot of laughs for their gender-bending efforts.

Plot

Characters

Amusing exchanges

Are local viewers ready for 'Camera Café'?



MERCADO AND LAZARO: Tagalog local adaptation of French comedy series.

By Rito Asilo

Rigorous

Version

Learning through time

Lotus Pond

R. Valencia and S. Bannark

Words



CLIP clock displays 12 of the author's photographs of one of the country's most picturesque provinces.

A chapel rises...

SATURDAY Special

DANIEL RADCLIFFE takes it all off

By Nestor U. Torre

DANIEL RADCLIFFE, THE movies' quintessential child wiz and hero, has thrown his fans for a loop by radically changing his image as a performer at only 17 years of age.

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Radical transformation

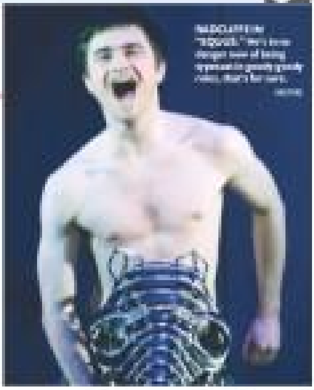
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Decision

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Focused portrayal

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Better late than never for Alan Arkin



ARKIN: The 23-year wait is over!

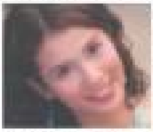
Musical magic and nostalgia come together in 'Journey to Hope'



MADELA: Uncanny ability.



ESCALANTE: Vocal powerhouse.



KARYLLE: Strong presence.

Mr. Shooli returns



URBANO: Socio-commentary through comedy.





NUTINI AND VALENCIA: Release latest recordings.

Mr. & Ms. goes online



ACCLAIMED mag now has a digital edition.

MONTAGE



TIMBERLAKE: Hosts 20th Annual Kids' Choice Awards.



AMADOR, MARAMARA AND ALAJAR: Revisit Eve Ensler's controversial play at the Phil Trade Center on March 8.

20 years ago in the movies

Categories

Comedies

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20 years ago in the movies

Meager output

Actresses











